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SUBJECT: LARAF ATTACK ON U. S. AIRCRAFT

1. FIRST LOCAL ARABIC MEDIA MENTION OF ATTACK APPEARED ON LAST PAGE OF TRIPOLI'S THRICE- WEEKLY " INDEPENDENT" NEWSPAPER AL- BALAGH MARCH 27. IT PERHAPS NOTEWORTHY THAT OFFICIAL DAILY AL- FAJR CONTINUES SILENT ON SUBJECT.

2. TEXT OF BALAGH STORY FOLLOWS: QUOTE ARAB AND FOREIGN PRESS HAVE REPORTED NEWS THAT AMERICAN ESPIONAGE AIRCRAFT WAS CHASED BY TWO LIBYAN PLANES. IT IS ALSO REPORTED BY NEWS AGENCIES THAT LIBYAN AIRCRAFT FIRED SHOTS AT ESPIONAGE PLANE. MOREOVER, AMERICAN SOURCES ANNOUNCED THAT THE U. S. IS CONCERNED REGARDING MOVEMENTS AND CONCENTRATIONS OF (LIBYAN) MIRAGE AIRCRAFT. IT IS STRANGE THAT AMERICAN SOURCES

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HAVE REPORTED THIS NEWS MORE THAN ANY OTHER SOURCES.
AMERICAN STATE DEPT SOURCES ANNOUNCED THAT U. S.
REPRESENTATIVE IN TRIPOLI SUBMITTED A PROTEST TO
THE LAR, BUT NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED. CAIRO'S
AL- AHRAM REPORTED THAT LIBYAN FONMIN, WHEN ASKED
ABOUT NEWS, SAID, " I HAVE NO COMMENT RE AMERICAN
CLAIMS." END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: LOCAL MEDIA FREQUENTLY PUBLISH REPORTS
FROM FOREIGN MEDIFORE EC NINE ARE TOO FAR ALONG IN THEIR OWN
WORK, WE BELIEVE THIS WILL ENCOURAGE NINE TO BRING THEIR WORK
INTO NATO AT AN EARLIER STAGE. IN OUR VIEW, MOST IMPORTANT
ELEMENT AT PRESENT MOMENT IS TO BEGIN WORK HERE AND PAPER, ALONG
LINES TEXT BELOW, IS NEEDED TO START BALL ROLLING. WE BELIEVE
THAT FIRST STEP IN THIS STUDY WOULD BE TO AGREE ON TYPE OF AGREEMENTS
ALLIES SHOULD SEEK UNDER AGENDA ITEMS II AND III, AFTER
WHICH THEY COULD TURN TO ACTUAL TEXTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

AS MPT PROCEEDS IN HELSINKI AND THE ALLIES BEGIN MORE DETAILED
PREPARATIONS FOR THE CSCE ITSELF, ALLIED NEGOTIATORS WILL NEED A
CLEAR IDEA OF THE RANGE OF AGREEMENTS WHICH WE WOULD BE PREPARED
TO ENDORSE AT A CONFERENCE. THERE ARE A SERIES OF QUESTIONS
RELATED TO THE STATUS OF CSCE AGREEMENTS: THEIR BINDING OR NON-BINDING
CHARACTER, THEIR IMPLEMENTATION, THEIR SPECIFICITY, WHETHER
THEY SHOULD BE TERMINAL OR INTERIM, ETC. THE ANSWERS TO THESE
QUESTIONS WILL PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO ALLIED
NEGOTIATORS IN THE SECOND (I. E., COMMITTEE) PHASE OF A CONFERENCE.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY FORMS OF AGREEMENT WHICH MIGHT BE
NEGOTIABLE IN A CSCE FRAMEWORK, AT THE PRESENT TIME MOST PERSPECTIVE
PARTICIPANTS APPEAR TO BE THINKING IN TERMS OF DECLARATIONS
AS THE PRINCIPAL FORM OF CSCE AGREEMENT. THE ALLIES ARE CONSIDERING
DECLARATIONS IN VARIOUS FIELDS, TO WHICH MAY BE ANNEXED IN
INDIVIDUAL CASES MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS,
ETC., ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS. THE SOVIETS SEEM TO BE CONSIDERING ONLY ONE OR TWO VERY GENERAL DECLARATIONS.

NEVERTHELESS, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE TO ENVISAGE THAT THE SECOND
STAGE COMMITTEES WOULD PREPARE STATUS REPORTS ON THEIR RESPECTIVE
FIELDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOLLOW- UP, WITHOUT DRAFTING FORMAL
AGREEMENTS. ON THE BASIS OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, THE FOLLOWING
THREE ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TOWARDS THE SUBSTANTIVE WORK DURING
THE SECOND STAGE OF CSCE CAN BE IDENTIFIED:

OPTION 1:

THE COMMITTEES COULD DRAFT DECLARATIONS ON EACH MAIN AGENDA
HEADING. ONE FEASIBLE COMBINATION OF OUR AGENDA PREFERENCES COULD
BE THE FOLLOWING THREE (OR FOUR) COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENTS:

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1. DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES GUIDING RELATIONS, WITH BRIEF ANNEX (OR PERHAPS A SEPARATE DECLARATION) ON CBM' S. (COMMENT: ALLIES ALREADY HAVE DRAFT DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES WITH SUBSTANTIAL AREAS OF AGREEMENT. END COMMENT.)

2. DECLARATION ON HUMAN CONTACTS, CULTURAL RELATIONS AND FLOW OF INFORMATION, WITH IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS (OR SEPARATE ANNEXES) ON THE THREE PRINCIPAL AREAS. (COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND EC NINE WILL HAVE PRELIMINARY DRAFT DECLARATION ON CULTURAL RELATIONS BY MARCH 28.

END COMMENT.)

3. DECLARATION ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION, WITH ANNEXES ON SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS (OR SEPARATE DECLARATIONS, ONE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION, THE OTHER ON SCIENTIFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION, WITH TECHNOLOGY IN EITH
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